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Dear Colleagues,

On May 5, 2025, President Donald J. Trump signed an [Executive Order on Improving the Safety and Security of Biological Research](#) in the United States, which has paused the previously planned rollout of the policy changes to Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC) which were scheduled for implementation on May 6, 2025 by the previous administration.

Based on this order, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Security Advisor will work with funding agencies to develop a new policy within 120 days. The new document supersedes already initiated implementation of the policy changes at Temple University described in the [memorandum sent by OVPR on April 21, 2025](#).

The Research Compliance Office will provide more guidance regarding new regulations as soon as the policy becomes available. In the interim, the IRE and IBC Committees at TU will review research involving DURC on a case-by-case basis.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding new DURC regulations, please contact us at ire1@temple.edu.